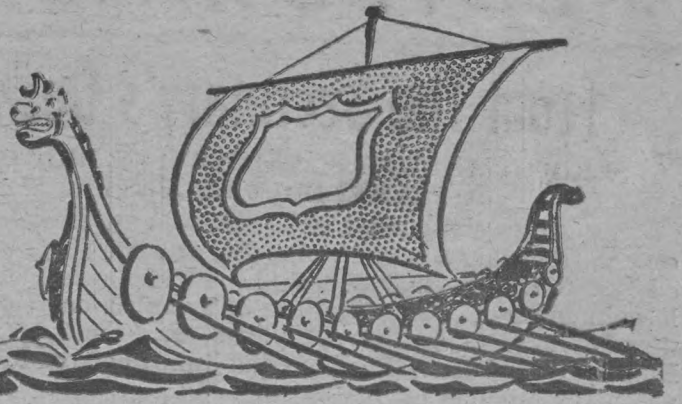


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## Finnish Society

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, Jan. 14. Elections were held with the results being as follows: President, Mr. T. Salomaa; Secretary, Miss S. Rastas; and Treasurer, Mrs. V. Ristola.

Elected to the Board of Trustees were: Mr. J. Rama, Mr. J. Sahuri, Mr. V. Rastas, Mr. O. Virtanen, Mr. R. Vesaniemi, Miss S. Rastas, Mr. P. Utunen and Mr. J. Koivuneva.

The monthly dance of the Finnish Society will be held Feb. 2 at the McCauley Hall, commencing at 8:30 p.m. Coffee will be served. Everyone is most welcome!

The first meeting of the newly elected executive and the Board of Trustees will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa, 9942-149 Street, on Feb. 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Thanks to Mrs. L. Vesalainen who was the hostess of last month's sewing-circle. The next sewing-circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Rastas, 12038-45 Street, Feb. 12. Everyone is cordially invited.

Special thanks go to Mrs. V. Ristola for a job well done as the chairman of the Finnish Society's Ladies' Group for the past two years.

Mr. V. Leino's mother from Finland, has been visiting in Edmonton during Christmas.

A farwell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. V. Salo who will be moving to Winnipeg in the near future.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Karvonen on the birth of a daughter, Vireo Rachel, Jan. 3.

Birthday greetings go to Mr. L. Rama, Mr. T. Korvola and Mr. O. Tervonen who will be celebrating their birthdays in February.

Congratulations to Mr. J. Sahuri for winning first prize in a fishing contest which was held at Lake Baptiste recently.

Thanks go to Miss Sinikka Ristola for running as the Finnish Queen Candidate.

## EDMONTON CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL

An Exciting Series of Program, planned for the old and the new Canadian will be beginning Feb. 11 under the name, "Know Your Canada Series".

Feb. 11 — Judge Orval Allen — "Canadian Citizenship".

Feb. 25 — Alderman Ethel Wilson — "The Canadian Inheritance".

March 11 — Mr. C. H. Finland (Manager, Alberta and N.W.T. Chamber of Mines) — "The Development of Canada's North".

March 25 — Dr. B. E. Walker (Faculty of Education, U. of A.) — "Education Since Confederation".

Coffee and refreshments to be served.

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to assist in serving.

## Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

Skandia's first meeting for 1962 was held in the IOOF Temple on Jan. 6. Installation of officers for the New Year took place, with Dist. Deputy Bro. Gust Johnson and members of the Drill Team officiating.

The Charter was draped in memory of Sister Freja Tweter, deceased.

Financial reports from the various committees were given.

It was a memorable evening for Bro. Ed Bergquist, who was presented with a Past Presidents' pin by Bro. Julius Hober. Also for Bro. Bud Holmgren, who was presented with a 25-year pin by his daughter, Sister Audrey Eliasson.

A new Social Committee for the coming year was elected as follows: Betty Pearson, Peter Johnson, Rudy Sund, Anita Culham and Sig Johnson.

As always, a delicious lunch was served by the Committee, with a hard-time dance following. Prizes for the most authentic costumes were won by: Mr. and Mrs. H. Markstrom; Mr. and Mrs. T. Kimeinius; Miss Pauline Johnson; Mrs. W. Modin; Mrs. A. Ogren. Music was by Carl Elgestrand's orchestra. Next meeting—February 3, 1962—IOOF Temple.

### BOWLING

The second half of the league is now underway with everyone fighting for top spot once again. On Jan. 12 top bowlers were:

Evelyn Johnson, high single, 268; high triple, 660.

Sig Johnson, high single, 234; high triple, 674.

"Stockholm" and "Smorgasbord" are tied for first place.

### CHILDREN'S CLUB

In place of the February Children's Club Meeting there will be a Valentine Party on Feb. 11 for the Club members.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Vasa ladies met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Modin on Jan. 17, 1962.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Sund on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 8:00 p.m.

### DEATHS

Our condolences to relatives and friends of Mrs. Freja Marie Tweter, wife of Olaf Tweter, who passed away on Dec. 2, 1961, after a long illness. Mrs. Tweter was born in Lycksele, Vesterbotten, Sweden, March 23, 1888. Funeral services were held in Augustana Lutheran Church with Pastor L. Lindquist officiating.

The Lodge wishes to express sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Ogren and family on the death of Mrs. Ogren's sister. The Ogrens flew to Vancouver for the funeral.

### MARRIAGE

On Jan. 6, Ann Moberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mortensen, became the bride of Mr. Peter Larsen. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. They have

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## Sons Of Norway

The next social evening "John Kore Hagen Special" will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 at the Caravan Hotel. Calendars of coming social events will be sent out to members in the mail.

Let us not forget "Calgary Booster Night". Interested parties will take a bus from Edmonton on Feb. 24 to Calgary for a get-acquainted and social event.

### A FINE BEGINNING

The joint installation of officers of the Sunray Junior Lodge and Solglyt Lodge commenced at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple Clubroom Jan. 12. Fourth District President, Mr. S. A. Sorenson, was Installing Marshall. The Drill Team's excellent performance added a bright note to the ceremonies. Mr. Kalmar Amdam is President for a second term, and Mr. Peter Sather is Vice-President. Harry Mjaatveit is President of Sunray Junior Lodge, and Vice-President is Gary Johnson. A Pot Luck supper was served buffet style, with Mrs. Lubbers as hostess. A highly-amusing film, "Bear Country" and "Salmon Fishing in Norway" was shown by Mr. King.

In the home of Mrs. M. MacDonald a prelude to New Year's festivities was given to the Sons of Norway dancers on the evening of Dec. 29. The buffet luncheon served was delicious.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC

The New Year's Frolic of Dec. 31 was held in the Airlines Hotel Banquet Room. Receiving the one hundred and thirty guests were Fourth District President, Mr. S. A. Sorenson, Mrs. Sorenson, and President of Solglyt Lodge, Mr. K. Amdam, and Mrs. Amdam. Before midnight a smorgasbord was served. Attractive decorations, balloons, hats and noisemakers completed the festive occasion. Dancing commenced at 12:05 a.m. and ended at 3:30 a.m.

### FOLK DANCING

There was a very good turnout for the Folk Dancing held at the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, Jan. 5. Future dates have not been set, but dancers will be notified by telephone.

### SONS OF NORWAY LADIES' AUXILIARY

Sons of Norway Ladies met at the home of Mrs. R. Sivertsen. Their January meeting consisted of nominations and election of officers for the new term. Mrs. Eija Searl was elected President, and Mrs. Maisie Amdam was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Mary Rikstad won the prize for the evening. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Peter Sather's home on Feb. 2. All ladies are welcome. We would like to have more attend.

### SUNRAY JUNIOR LODGE

The next meeting of Sunray Junior Lodge will be Feb. 14—St. Valentine's Day.

### BOWLING BY-LINE

The Sons of Norway Bowling League reports no score changes as

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## Icelandic Society

The first meeting of the new year was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halldorson on January 11. Twenty-eight members were present and an election of officers for the coming year was held. The following were elected—

President—Mr. Gunnar Thorvoldson; Vice-President—Mr. Don Shaw; Treasurer—Mr. B. Bachmann; Secretary—Mrs. Lorraine Gislason; Lunch Convener—Mrs. Thora Wagn; Social Convener—Mr. Bert Lane; Membership—Mr. J. Henrickson; Cultural and Publicity—Mrs. Freda Smith; Phoning Convener—Mrs. Inga Bachmann; Sick Visiting—Mrs. Margaret Cameron. The meeting came to an end with a delightful lunch served by Mrs. Halldorson.

We say "thank you for a job well done" to retiring President, Bill Halldorson, his officers and committees. The past year has been a most successful one financially and otherwise.

The appointment of Mr. W. Halldorson as Assistant Manager, Edmonton Branch, is announced by The Office Specialty Manufacturing Co. Limited. Mr. Halldorson is the past President of the Edmonton Icelandic Society.

Mr. J. J. Johnson left by plane recently for Gimli after spending the holidays with his son, Otto Johnson, and family. He attended the christening of his great granddaughter, Shelly Ann Youngblut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Youngblut of Dawson Creek, B.C. The ceremony took place in Chalmers United Church, with the Rev. Glen Ashford officiating. The godparents are an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leach of Pullman, Washington, who spent the New Year holiday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson.

A recent fire completely destroyed the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Gudmundson, New Sarepta. Mrs. Gudmundson and baby daughter were able to escape, but very little of the household furnishings were saved. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gudmundson live close by, but the fire had such a hold that nothing could be done to stop it.

Since the inception of the Scandinavian News the Icelandic Society has been most fortunate in having as their most able and efficient correspondent Mr. Henry Sumarladason. Henry's recent illness has forced him to curtail his activities, and so it was with regret that the Icelandic Society accepted his resignation as Publicity Convener. Selected to try and fill the vacancy is Mrs. Freda Smith. May I take this opportunity to solicit the help of all our members. People are always interested in people, so send or phone your news. Tell us about your visitors, or maybe you are going visiting, marriages, new babies, family gatherings—we are interested in all of them. One look at the mailing list of the Scandinavian News shows that it goes all over the North American continent. Who knows, may-

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## DANIA

On Jan. 15, "BIKUBEN" elected new officers. The new slate is as follows: President, Vera Nielsen; Vice-president, Ellen Clausen; Treasurer, Ellen Nielsen; and Secretary, Musse Haas. We had a nice turnout at the meeting, and we had a kind of farewell party for Mrs. Grethe Petersen, wife of the late Erling Petersen, as she and her two daughters are leaving for Denmark in late January. The proceeds from the sale of flowers, which Mrs. Anna Hansen so graciously donated, was handed over to Mrs. Petersen.

All Danish-speaking ladies, please come to our next meeting and join us. "Bikuben" is Dania's Damer. We would like to see you on Feb. 19 at 8:00 p.m.—10029-85 Avenue. For more information phone GE 9-0506.

As you all know, Dania holds their annual Masquerade in the month of February, and this year the date is Feb. 9. So please come dressed as you like... the prizes are all good, as usual, and it is up to you people to make this affair worthwhile. Let's have lots of fun... come in costume if you want to have real fun.

As I have come back from a wonderful five-month holiday to Denmark, I just wish to again thank everybody for that gift to me. It was more than wonderful to be home for my parents' Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and the two dear old people were so glad to see me, even though we all knew it might be the last time we would see each other, as my parents are getting up in years. I also attended my sister's Silver Wedding Anniversary, and well as visiting a lot of my relatives and friends all over that little country. It was really wonderful to see them all again. The climate, of course, I don't think much about, as it was raining most of the time I was there and I was beginning to long for our Alberta sunshine.

I am back to the old grind again with a lot of pleasant memories to live on.

—Vera Nielsen.

### DANIA GYM NEWS

Last Dec. 28 two of our instructors, Mrs. Bente Hagen and Mrs. Lise Christensen, were interviewed on CFRN-TV's "Women's Edition" by Mrs. Laura Lindsay. We appreciate the way this interview was handled, and we are happy to report that several new members joined us after New Year's.

The participation, even when the temperature drops below zero, is good, especially from the boys' and girls' groups. We think that we have good material for the future in these youngsters.

"Scandapades, '62 Edition" became the highlight of the season for our gymnastic club. This time we had something to show; the gymnasts of all ages performed well. Al-

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Our sincere thanks to the following people who have made donations to the News:

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# + EDITORIAL +

## From The Secretary's Desk

### EIGHTH ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT— A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Yes, from every point of view it was a tremendous success. A tremendous crowd, estimated at 2,000 people, gathered at the Jubilee Auditorium. A show of hands indicated a large number of people from out of town. Among this group were Dr. and Mrs. Decosse of St. Paul, Mr. French, MLA from Hanna, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson and company from Red Deer, and many others.

Scandapades, '62 edition, was a tremendous success. This production was under the direction of Knut L. Svidal and the Cultural Activities Committee—Mrs. C. A. Smith, Eric Luhtala, Borge Noesgaard, Mrs. Lilly Taylor, and Mrs. Minnie MacDonald.

The narrator, Mr. Rudy Sund, did a splendid job of introducing parts, as the performers came out of the pages of the 1962 edition of Scandapades.

Out of the first page came the parade of children of Scandinavia, all attractively attired in their native costumes.

Out of the second page came the story of a Norwegian Country wedding, starring Mrs. Minnie MacDonald as the preacher, and the Sons of Norway folk-dancing group under the direction of Sigvold Arneberg of Camrose.

Then came the comedy story of a Finnish Kindergarten under the direction of Eric Luhtala.

Out of the fourth page came the Danish Gymnasts—men and women and children doing their finest gymnastics. Mrs. Lisa Christensen was in charge of the women's and girls' group; while Otto Henriksen was in charge of the man and boys. And speaking of boys, Kenneth Noesgaard, about two years old, really stole the show as he performed and curtseyed in the final act.

Out of the fifth page came the songs and melodies of Iceland, and starring was Mrs. Decosse of St. Paul with her solo selections.

Then on the final page came the brisk, colorful Swedish folk-dancers under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Eliasson. The Ox-Dance by two boys brought the house down as they fought their duel to a finish.

The musical director of the whole show was Mrs. Lilly Taylor and her orchestra.

With the musical background, the lighting effects, and the whole professional staff at the Auditorium, the production of Scandapades '62 was indeed a tremendous success.

### THE QUEEN CONTEST—MISS JOAN OLAFSON, THE WINNER

The highlight of the evening was the announcement that Miss Joan Olafson of the Icelandic Society was the winner of the Queen Contest.

Mr. K. L. Svidal introduced Mr. J. Rama, the President of the Scandinavian Centre, who presented the Queen Contestants—Sheila Ogren, Sinikka Ristola, Anita Searl, Inger Olsen and Joan Olafson—with a corsage of roses. Miss Joan Olafson was presented with a beautiful trophy, and she reigns as the Scandinavian Queen for 1962.

The basis of choosing the Queen was the number of tickets sold in proportion to the shares held by each group. The following tabulates the result of the Queen Contest:

| Country | Held | Holdings | Sold  | Score |
|---------|------|----------|-------|-------|
| Sweden  | 247  | 15       | 501   | 33.4  |
| Norway  | 200  | 13       | 421   | 32.4  |
| Denmark | 114  | 7        | 89    | 12.7  |
| Finland | 48   | 3        | 139   | 46.3  |
| Iceland | 16   | 1        | 115   | 115   |
|         | 625  |          | 1,265 |       |

#### EXPLANATIONS:

Col. 2—Divide each figure in Col. 1 by 16.

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It is evident from the above table that the Queen Contest was a tremendous success. Last year's advance ticket

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## Basic English And Citizenship

A study of fundamental English and the principals of Canadian government is presented to assist new Canadians in meeting citizenship requirements. All foreign-born candidates for naturalization are urged to attend these classes. The fee is \$10 for the ten-week course. Classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

sales were approximately 800 compared with this year's of 1,265. Congratulations to all the Queen Contestants and their managers, who worked so hard to make Annual Scandinavian Night such a success.

In the Social Room a capacity crowd danced to their favourite Scandinavian tunes; while in the club room the teenagers frolicked in their tremendously vigorous style. The only regret is that parents and friends could not find room to watch the fun.

All through the rest of the Auditorium everyone could be seen sipping coffee, tasting Scandinavian delicacies, and renewing acquaintances.

The lucky ticket was No. 586—Mrs. P. Willet, 15810 - 103 Avenue. She will receive a \$100 voucher on the purchase of a lot at Norseman's Cove, Lac La Nonne. This voucher was donated by Anders Anderson and Inge Anderson.

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING— FEBRUARY 20, 1962

Please note that the annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the Masonic Temple at 8:00 p.m. on February 20, 1962. Messrs. H. A. Hansen and H. Markstrom are in charge of arrangements. Complete reports of the activities of the Centre for the past year will be given, and four directors will be elected to complete the Board of eleven. The following is a list of the Directors now serving: J. Rama, President; S. A. Sorenson, Secretary; H. M. Halldorson, Treasurer; K. L. Svidal, Vice-president and Publicity Director; H. A. Hansen, Director of Finance Committee; O. S. Franzen, Social Director; G. A. Larson, Director of the Planning Committee; P. N. Christensen, Director of the Scandinavian News; and H. Markstrom, Director.

### THE CHARTERED FLIGHT TO SCANDINAVIA

Again tremendous is the word! The flight was over-subscribed (86 passengers) within the first week of its announcement, and there is now a long waiting list. So long that if it gets long enough there will be a second Chartered Flight in 1962 (see details on another page of this paper).

## ON FINANCING

(The following is an article by Ernest Page which appeared in the Co-Operative Consumer and explains financing within The Co-Operative Act as it applies to Co-operatives and their memberships.)

Co-operatives arise from the members. They reflect and express the determination the members have to provide themselves with a needed service at its proper cost. The provision of the necessary risk capital is contributory to the desired result.

Most co-operative leaders understand the theory of co-operatives. They are quite prepared to set forth the ways in which a cooperative differs from a profit business. But when it comes to practical operations it appears that some co-operatives apply co-operative theory in a somewhat restricted manner. Perhaps they feel more at home if they do not stray too far from the well-marked trails of orthodox business practice.

Co-operatives need to be financially strong. But if they are to remain strong co-operatives in all respects, financial strength must be attained through methods which are consistent with the principles of co-operative democracy. Otherwise the co-operative may end up with a pattern of financing which has the strength of neither the co-operative method nor of the profit method.

People buy shares in a profit business to make money; they hope for a high rate of dividend and for increasing share value. (For those important shareholders with high incomes, capital gain may be more advantageous than rate of dividend.) Most of the financing for profit business is found in retained profits.

This is a method in line with the interests of the shareholders, for presumably those sums not paid out as dividend will in time increase the value of the shares and the shares can then be sold at their current value.

People as members of a co-operative buy shares in the enterprise to make its existence possible. Their interest in making money on this investment is only secondary—and quite properly, for dividends on co-operative shares are limited and share values do not increase.

But even in the face of these basic facts some co-operative finance programs are based to a considerable extent on the retention of surplus (i.e. accumulation of unallocated general reserves). This is doubly surprising because procedures for allocation of surplus of members are well established and well accepted by all concerned. These procedures really provide for a means of payment and reinvestment which results in the co-operative having the use of funds which are the property of the individual members.

Should co-operatives tend to follow the capitalist methods of financing rather than those appropriate and distinctive ways open to them, they will call into question their basic right to a place in the Canadian economy. Worse still, they will jeopardize relationship with the future member, for eventually people will realize that they are being expected to permit their co-operatives to acquire permanent funds at their expense, thus frustrating to some extent the principle of operation of cost.

This is the time of the year when people look at thermometers and say, "It's colder than that!"

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## OUR TOWN—By McClelland





# Christmas Traditions -- Sweden

This afternoon we shall attempt to give you a potpourri of Swedish Christmas traditions and their origin.

Christmas . . . the word has, for our Nordic ears, a ring all its own. It brings at once a flood of memories from by-gone years . . . childhood and happy years . . . the Christmas tree, the presents, Christmas candles and julotta . . . not to mention all the traditional food such as ham, Christmas porridge, dopp i grytan, and of course the lutfisk. All these memories have a special meaning Nordic people against a background of warmth and light, seen by we of the long, dark autumn and the beginning of the winter cold. It would all seem so much more dark and grey if it were not for the warming hearth of this holiday.

The custom of having straw figures decorate your home at Christmas is a very old one, dating back hundreds of years. The most common figure nowadays is a he-goat. This goat is usually kept on the Christmas table—if it is a small-sized one—but a big goat sits under, or beside, the Christmas tree.

Christmas celebrations, being so elaborate in Sweden, take a lot of preparation, and they took even longer in the olden days when everything had to be made at home. Such things as casting the candles, brewing the ale, making "lutfisk" and slaughtering the pig, had to be done well in advance of Christmas. And of course he Swedes believe that Christmas without lots of food is not a proper Christmas, and so they spend days baking bread, cakes, and cookies . . . and, of course, not forgetting the all-important ginger bread or pepparkakor.

There are few of the Christmas customs so rigidly observed, even today, as that of setting out a sheaf of oats for the birds to feast upon. Even the poorest of the poor have, through the ages, set up such a sheaf for the little winter friends. It was a must. The sheaf is placed in a tree near the house, or on the barn wall, or on a pole placed in the ground or on the gate. The setting up of the sheaf was always a sign that "Now Christmas is here". I might add here that the very best sheaves are saved for the birds' Christmas, for such was the custom. This dates back to the old Swedish tradition that all living things on the farm should have their share of Christmas good. At lunch on Christmas Eve we

have the old tradition of "dipping in the pot"—that is—we do not take time out to prepare a regular meal on that day at noon, and instead we gather around the stove with its large pot of boiling meat tidbits which are part of all the enticing meat dishes to be served during the holiday, and we dip our bread into the pot and eat. In the pot are bits of Christmas ham, sausage, parts of the pig's head, etc. We fork out our bits of meat and dip our bread into the meat bouillon and feast.

Now, in the very old times, people believed that the Christmas elf was a troll or a goblin that brought about all the bad things that happened on the farm, and they were very careful not to offend "the little people", as they were sometimes called. This was, of course, connected with their superstitious beliefs in the olden days. Nowadays "tomten" is thought to be a good elf who helps to keep everything in good order and watches over the farm like some kind of guardian angel. Of course, he is still a very shy fellow who can't stand to be seen in daylight or by a human being, so that people just have to watch for other signs to determine whether "tomten" is still with them. For instance, if everything goes well the farmer gets good crops, the cows milk well, and so on, then the tomten is satisfied and is staying on. But if things start to go wrong for some unexplainable reason, then tomten has moved away, or he is not happy with the way in which he is being treated. All this would indicate that this fellow is very temperamental and has to be treated with care, and naturally people will want to be on his good side. For this reason people in the olden days used to sort of bribe him by setting out food, especially rice porridge, for him on Christmas Eve, and that

way he was kept in a good state of mind all year round.

Now we come to Christmas morning in our celebration of a Swedish Christmas. Everybody rises very early and goes to "Julotta" or early morning church services. In the olden days they usually rode to church in an open sleigh, the horse decked out in his finest harness with jingle bells on.

The traditions and customs are endless where our Nordic Christmas is concerned. You kind people who have your roots deep in our Swedish soil, and your Christmas memories braided into our Nordic holiday, keep and observe these traditions as well as you can, and pass them on to your children. They are beautiful and holy, and well worth observing.

## English Classes Starting Now

Free English classes for adult new Canadians will be given by the Edmonton Central YMCA — starting Thursday, Jan. 18.

The classes will run for 10 weeks on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. New pupils and those who attended the fall classes may attend. Registrations will be taken on the first night of the course.

For further information call C. Buckley at GA 4-8047.

## DANIA

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though most of them have only trained for less than three months, everybody was anxious to present a good show. If we can judge from the remarks of the spectators, our club gained in popularity that night. Three-year-old Kenny received the applause on behalf of the gymnastic club in perfect style, and helped to improve the over-all performance. We thank the parents for letting the youngsters take part in our gymnastic display, and thank every gymnast for a job well done.

We have received an answer from Mr. Flendsted Jensen. At this moment he is in Florida with his Dan-

ish gym team. If it can be arranged, they should be in Edmonton the first week in June.

See you at our training—every Monday or Wednesday in Oliver School.

The members of Dania were saddened by the sudden death of Carl Gundersen on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and extend their sympathies to his family.

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- ★ Destination — Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ★ Leaves Copenhagen on Friday, August 14, 1962.

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SECOND PROPOSED

## Charter Flight To Scandinavia

WHEREAS the Scandinavian Centre is attempting to arrange a Charter Flight from Edmonton to Scandinavia, to leave Edmonton, Alberta, approximately June 22, 1962, and return in four weeks;

AND WHEREAS before arrangements can be definitely made the Scandinavian Centre requires the commitment of at least Eighty-Six (86) adult individuals and children over Two (2) years of age;

AND WHEREAS I desire to participate in such a flight if it can be arranged;

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## Vasa Lodge

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left Edmonton to make their home in Denmark.

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson on the birth of a daughter, on Jan. 3.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brandle on the birth of a daughter, on Dec. 5.

Mrs. Milda Beckstrom spent the Christmas holidays in Calgary with her daughter, son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Paulson of Vernon, B.C., were in Edmonton over the holidays visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ingrid Johnson of Winnipeg has been in Edmonton visiting her sons, Don and Sig Johnson, and their families.

Mrs. Alma Samuelson spent the Christmas holidays with her son, Gordon, and his family at Lloydminster.

Dist. Master Mrs. Mons Eliasson has returned from a trip to New Westminster, B.C., where she visited Mrs. E. Floden, Charter Member of Meeting Creek Lodge, who was in hospital over Christmas after an automobile accident. Mrs. Eliasson also visited Nornan Lodge No. 413, Vancouver, and found much of interest in their meeting and installation of Officers.

Magnus Pearson shared his winnings from the Turkey Bowl with his bowling team at his home on Jan. 12. A delicious feed was had by all.

Grand Master of Vasa Lodge, Henrik Vought, extends greetings to all members within the Vasa Order.

New Scandinavian News Correspondent is Shirley Pearson, 12103-136 Avenue, Ph. GL 5-1294. Many thanks to past correspondent, Evelyn Modin, for a job well done.

Patients visited in the hospital last month by the Sick Committee were: Mrs. Mary Pearson, Mrs. Helen Ryley, Mrs. Tegla Nylen, Mrs. Gladys Alexander, Mrs. Emma Krag, and Mrs. Amanda Nelson.

## Sons Of Norway

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they have just begun the second half.

### PERSONAL

Mr. M. Myhre has returned to Fort St. John, B.C., after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays with his family.

We are happy to report that Crystal MacDonald Fleuty's operation was successful. She has been in a Los Angeles hospital, but is expected to be back home in two weeks.

Mrs. Arntzen has returned from her pleasant visit with her granddaughters in Vancouver.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bjaanes on the arrival of a baby boy on Jan. 17 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

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## Icelandic Society

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be we will find some long lost friends in this way. So give me a call . . . Freda Smith, 15214-81 Avenue, Phone 489-0902.

THOROBLOT—will be celebrated on Monday night, Feb. 19, in the Social Room at the Masonic Temple. Starting at eight o'clock, films of Iceland will be shown. Other entertainment will follow. Icelandic food will be the feature of the refreshment hour. All members are urged to attend. Admission is free.

Our "Visit the Sick Committee" reports—Mrs. McNaughton Sr. is in the General Hospital, St. Mary's Ward; Mrs. Lena Benedictson is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital; Mr. Henry Sumarladason is in the Misericordia Hospital. Our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery go out to the above, and all our members who might be ill.

Mrs. Margaret Cameron and her committee would like to hear of anyone who is ill, or possibly confined to the house. Her phone number is GL 5-2064.

## What Is The Meaning Of St. Valentine Day?

The fourteenth of February is called St. Valentine Day, as the name day or feast of eight different Christian martyrs named Valentine; that is, in the medieval church, services were held on that day in memory of their martyrdom. The custom of sending valentines or gifts has nothing to do with the martyrs, however. It happened that a springtime festival which was kept by the Romans fell on the same day. The making of gifts on that day has come down from this old festival; but the origin of the custom was generally forgotten and in time the gifts were called valentines from the name given to the day. This is a good example of the way customs survive.

## Communist China's Millions Said Facing Year Of Hunger

HONG KONG—Communist China's millions face another year of hunger, a report compiled by a research group of U.S. government agricultural experts here said.

The report indicated the food crisis, now entering its fourth year, could affect the economic stability of the Peking regime.

It predicted the "dangerously low level" of food supplies on the China mainland, following three successive years of poor harvests, could take an enormous toll in health and ability to work.

The report was based on several years' study of economic information filtering out of the China mainland. Reports of hunger, malnutrition, apathy and disease have been brought out by refugees from Communist China.

### DAILY DIET

The report said a study of grain production and food availabilities in-

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